

helpful. That would be a first start, and we hope that that happens.

So we now have an obligation to follow one conclusion of this, and the first phase of this report, if I can in conclusion read, "Current U.S. policy is not working." That is the most powerful statement in the whole report. And we need radical changes, the "radical changes" is my language, not the report.

Quoting the report, "Current U.S. policy is not working as the level of violence in Iraq is rising and the government is not advancing reconciliation. Making no changes in policy would simply delay the day of reckoning at a high cost. Nearly 100 Americans are dying every month. The United States is spending \$2 billion a week. Our ability to respond to other international crises is constrained. The majority of the American people are soured on the war. The level of expense is not sustainable over an extended period, especially when progress is not being made. The longer the United States remains in Iraq without progress, the resentment will grow among Iraqis who believe they are subjects of a repressive American occupation."

We need a change, and we need it now, and we cannot dither or dally or wait or have debates amongst ourselves. We have to take action now. And I hope my colleagues will join me in a willingness to do that.

That will be difficult. While we have troops in the field, it is always difficult to talk about the mission. But I am here tonight, proud of my neighbor's son who is tonight in Baghdad. I am proud of the mission he has done and is doing, and I am caring about he and his 1-year-old son.

I believe the U.S. Congress owes an obligation to him and his own to insist that this President come to grips with the reality of Iraq, send a message that our troops are coming home; that this is something the Iraqis have to deal with quickly because they are going to be on their own. We can no longer keep training wheels forever on Iraq at the expense of our sons and daughters.

That statement, I believe, in the long run will be best, with the least possible damage to all concerned. And I don't offer a panacea. I don't offer a silver wand in Iraq. But I can say that the current situation is not acceptable, and we will change it one way or another, and the sooner the better.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. OSBORNE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for December 5 after 2:00 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. KAPTUR) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RANGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. FOXX) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KUHLMANN of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, December 7 and 8.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CASTLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WALSH, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 4050. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Thompson Street in Thomaston, Georgia, as the "Sergeant First Class Robert Lee 'Bobby' Hollar, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on December 5, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 3699. To provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4377. To extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10434. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*), *Lupinus sulphureus* ssp. *kincaidii* (Kincaid's lupine), and *Erigeron decumbens* var. *decumbens* (Willamette daisy) (RIN: 1018-AT91) received November 28, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10435. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Astragalus brauntonii* and *Pentachaeta lyonii* (RIN: 1018-AU51) received November 28, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10436. A letter from the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Minimum Internal Control Standards (RIN: 3141-AA27) received November 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10437. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Gulf of Mexico Recreational Grouper Fishery Management Measures [Docket No. 060322083-6288-03; I.D. 032006C] (RIN: 0648-AU04) received November 29, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10438. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; End of the Pacific Whiting Primary Season for the Catcher-processor Sector [Docket No. 051014263-6028-03; I.D. 110706A] received November 29, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10439. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Allocating Gulf of Alaska Fishery Resources [Docket No. 060511126-6285-02; I.D. 050306E] (RIN: 0648-AT71) received November 29, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10440. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 18 [Docket No. 060609159-6272-02; I.D. 060606A] (RIN: 0648-AU12) received November 29, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10441. A letter from the Chief, Trade & Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Material from Bolivia [CBP Dec. 06026] (RIN: 1505-AB74) received November 29, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10442. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulations & Rulings Div., Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's

final rule — Establishment of the Shawnee Hills Viticultural Area (2002R-345P) [T.D.TTB-57; Re: Notice No. 39] (RIN: 1513-AA70) received November 30, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10443. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulations & Ruling Div., Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Chehalem Mountains Viticultural Area (2002R-214P) [T.D.TTB-56; Re: Notice No. 18] (RIN: 1513-AA57) received November 30, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10444. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Miscellaneous Changes to Collection Due Process Procedures Relating to Notice and Opportunity for Hearing upon Filing of Notice of Federal Tax Lien [TD 9290] (RIN: 1545-BB96) received December 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10445. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2006-55) received December 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10446. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Miscellaneous Changes to Collection Due Process Procedures Relating to Notice and Opportunity for Hearing Prior to Levy [TD 9291] (RIN: 1545-BB97) received December 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10447. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Changes in accounting periods and in methods of accounting (Rev. Proc. 2006-43) received December 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10448. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Methods of Determining Paragraph (e)(1) Wages for Purposes of the Section 199(b)(1) Wage Limitation on the Section 199 Deduction (Rev. Proc. 2006-47) received December 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10449. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Changes in accounting periods and in methods of accounting (Rev. Proc. 2006-46) received December 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10450. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Changes in accounting periods and in methods of accounting (Rev. Proc. 2006-45) received December 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10451. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — TIPRA Amendments to Section 199 [TD 9293] (RIN: 1545-BF88) received December 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10452. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Qualified Transportation Fringes (Rev. Rul. 2006-57) received November 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10453. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Permitted disparity in employer-provided contributions or benefits (Rev. Rul. 2006-60) received November 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10454. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2006-61) received November 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10455. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores — September 2006 (Rev. Rul. 2006-59) received November 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10456. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Publication of the Tier 2 Tax Rates — received November 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10457. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Procedures for Requesting Competent Authority Under Tax Treaties (Rev. Proc. 2006-54) received November 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10458. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Visual Disorders [Docket No. SSA-2006-0098] (RIN: 0960-AF34) received November 28, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mrs. CAPITO: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1096. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-720). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself, Mr. POMBO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California):

H.R. 6377. A bill to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. SOUDER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JINDAL, and Ms. HARRIS):

H.R. 6378. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary

of Homeland Security to ensure all agencies of the Department of Homeland Security that administer Federal assistance develop and maintain proper internal management controls to prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FARR (for himself, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. COSTA, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GILCREST, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. NUNES):

H.R. 6379. A bill to provide additional funds for food safety research related to perishable agricultural commodities, to provide emergency financial assistance to producers and first handlers of fresh spinach for losses incurred as a result of the removal of fresh spinach and products containing fresh spinach from the market and other actions undertaken in response to a public health advisory regarding spinach issued by the Food and Drug Administration in September 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. CARSON (for herself and Mr. BURTON of Indiana):

H.R. 6380. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of quality measures by hospitals in order to reduce medication errors; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MCKINNEY:

H.R. 6381. A bill to repeal Public Law No. 109-366, the Military Commissions Act of 2006, signed into law October 17, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MCKINNEY:

H.R. 6382. A bill to deny Federal assistance to any State or local law enforcement agencies whose officers use excessive force or violence leading to the death of innocent or unarmed citizens, or who fail to establish, enforce and follow transparent and accountable procedures that fully protect the lives and health of citizens during surveillance, interrogation, arrest or imprisonment from torture, excessive physical or psychological abuse and death, and to require a system of transparent legal and public review of such allegations and cases that can result in the sanction, punishment and removal of officers who perpetrate such abuses or their superiors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BERKLEY (for herself and Mr. PORTER):

H.R. 6383. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BOUCHER (for himself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BASS, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. HERGER, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 6384. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to settlement agreements reached with respect to litigation involving certain secondary transmissions of superstations and network stations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 6385. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rate of the